American Legion Post 39 North Saint Paul, MN 55109

November 2026 Newsletter



- ***COMMANDER HARRY JOHNSON***

This year has gone by so fast. Deer hunting season is among us. I'm asking every one of us to be extra careful and safe. Come back with some good stories about deer camp.
At Post 39, we have a new addition, a quarter machine. It will add a little extra revenue for us. We have a lot of activities that bring in people. Our staff is doing a wonderful job.
We were taking applications for our snow removal; I think that's taken care of.
Now the Halloween goblins have gone back to their hideouts. Stay aware of the dark nights as the children are running around. Stay safe until we meet at the next meeting.
Hoping you all made it to get out to vote. Voting for people to help our veterans, medical, housing and welfare. I would like to thank you.
Now maybe all the false advertisements in our social media will quit.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARY KVAAL

Hello everyone,

As usual, we have been very busy and will remain busy until after the Holidays.

We have lots of things coming up!

By the time you read this, we will have had our Annual Holiday Boutique. I imagine it will be a huge success, thanks to Noreen, the wonderful vendors, and our terrific volunteers.

I was once again able to go to the American Legion Fall Conference in St. Cloud, and we learned lots, and also had some fun! The guest speaker this year was Jessica Lynch, and she was amazing. Jessica was the first successful rescue of an American prisoner of war since World War II. Her story was both powerful and moving. Our new Department Commander, Pam Krill was able to find one member of the team that rescued her and the Bayport Legion sponsored his trip to the conference surprise Jessica. I don't think there was a dry eye in the audience





Former POW Jessica Lynch with District Commander Dan Bronk



Our Group



Department Commander Pam Krill



At our Fourth District meeting, we approved a motion to do a fundraising 50/50 drawing for funds to help send delegates to our National Convention next year. We will be selling the 50/50 tickets for $1.00 each with a potential prize pot of $1500.00. If anyone is looking to buy tickets, they are on sale at our club or I also have tickets.

At the 2026 American Legion National Convention, delegates adopted a new membership eligibility language for the American Legion Auxiliary — expanding eligibility and allowing more family members to join the ALA. The Legion has authority over the ALA's membership eligibility; this language change allows more people into our organization — strengthening our ability to better serve our veterans, military, and their families. To view the update, you can go to this link http://www.alaforveterans.org/
Goldie, is working on updating our Standing Rules and constitution to include this and any other changes that were approved at our last meeting. I will send them out as soon as they are completed.

We will again be collecting non-perishable food for the district 622 food pantry. According to my resources, they are in need of canned proteins, jelly, cereal, powdered milk, and canned fruits and vegetables. The food can be brought to the Legion through November 19th, 2026. Please put it in the box labeled school supplies, which is located at the south door.

Dan Bronk launched our new Facebook page. You can view this at this link: Home | The Minnesota Fourth District American Legion
D.A.M.E.S. (Denise, Angela, Mary, Erin, & Sandi) The next potluck is November 15th, and the auxiliary will be selling 50/50 tickets. Reminder potlucks are for noon games.
FOOD IS ONLY ALLOWED WHEN THE KITCHEN IS CLOSED.
OUR NEXT AUXILIARY MEETING IS NOVEMBER 12TH AT 6:30.

Have a great month and we will see you all soon.
Mary Kvaal

You are always welcome to watch Facebook for upcoming events: https://www.facebook.com/denise.legion or the 4th District Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1942268503274239/ or log into the North St. Paul legion website https://www.americanlegionnorthstpaul.com/ . If you prefer emails, email me at legionauxiliary39@gmail.com , and I will add you to the list. If you are a "print" or "phone call" type, I can do that as well. Contact me at 651-276-5099.

SONS-OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello SAL Members,

We are working on the Pearl Harbor Pancake Breakfast which will be jointly hosted by both the SAL and the ALR (Riders). Put Saturday, December 5 on your calendar. We'll be looking for volunteers and hungry mouths! We will be sending out an email in early November looking for some volunteer help on the day of the event. We are also selling pre-sale 50-50 tickets for a drawing on that day at noon after Pancake Breakfast. They are only a dollar!

We are now accepting 2027 membership applications and renewals. They are $25.00. To renew, you simply need to get $25.00 to any SAL officer along with your name. You can also put $25.00 in an envelope along with your name and place it in the collection box by the south bar entrance. To join you will need to fill out an SAL application form which can be found by the south bar entrance or talk to any SAL member, and they should be able to assist you.

The SAL Meetings are held on the third Monday night every other month at 6:30 PM on the following dates:

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November 16, 2026
January 18, 2027 - SAL annual donation planning
March 15, 2027 – Accept officer nominations
May 17, 2027 - Officer Elections
July 19, 2027
September 20, 2027

Tom Nagel
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Commander, SAL Squadron 39

Riders' Corner

Hello Legion Members,
The Monthly Legion Riders' meeting was held on October 8th, 2026, with 11 members and 1 guest participating.

Cindy McGee collected completed Membership Renewal Forms and $15 Dues for 2027 from 12 Riders. The remaining 23 Riders have been mailed their renewal forms and asked to return them with their dues to Cindy.
Jake and Cindy McGee sold 50/50 raffle tickets during the Vikings Football Game on October 25, 2026, and would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets in support of Veteran organizations the Riders support. It was a very successful 50/50 raffle as 383 tickets were sold. Congratulations and a Big Thank You to Randy Kvaal who was the lucky winner of $191.50, who then donated $31.50 of his winnings back to the Riders





Charlie Masanz drew the winning ticket -

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events –

Vikings Football Game – 50/50 Raffle with potluck luncheon
Date: Sunday, November 1, 2026
Time: 12 PM – End of Game
Location: American Legion North St. Paul
Volunteers: Jake & Cindy McGee

Pancake Breakfast
Date: Saturday, December 5, 2026
Time: 8 AM – 12 PM
Location: American Legion North St. Paul
Cost: Adults - $12; Kids (12 and under) - $6
All You Can Eat (Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes & Beverage)
Hosted By: SALs and Riders
The next Riders' Monthly Meeting will be held on November 12th, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Please join us. Hope to see you then.

Stay safe!
Cindy McGee
Riders (Post 39) Secretary

MEMBERSHIP AND ADJUTANT REPORT



Paid 2027 Membership is 367 members; 138 members short of the goal. 4th District is in 1st Place in the State with our membership. Let's keep pushing forward and recruit new members.

Investments	*$95,670.69*
CD:	*$57,593.87*
CD:	*$33,622.87*
Savings:	*$21,478.07*
Post Checking:	*$ 9,682.15*
Maintenance Checking	*$ 8,913.75*



Maintenance CD: *$10,499.24*

We approved the 2027 Budget at our last General Membership Meeting. You may have noticed the new coin-pushing machine next to the ATM in the bar. Once we recover the costs involved in making that happen, funds raised will be set away for the eventual roof replacement. This started in operation on September 16.

Glen Richardson
Post 39 Finance Officer



Well, November has arrived. The leaves are almost down, and that white stuff will not be far behind. Only 55 days until Christmas. Where has the year gone? Attention all members, Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL: if you have received your 2027 membership card, do not throw your 2026 card away. This card is the only way to show our staff that you are a current member. Without your 2026 card, we will not be able to give you the buy one drink and get a second one free offer to our members. If you have tossed it, please contact your membership chairperson and try to obtain a duplicate card. season. We hope you all have a very successful and safe hunting season. We look forward to hearing all your hunting stories. Our staff is ready to serve you, the beer is cold, and the food is the best of any bar in North St. Paul!

Remember, when you have an opportunity, reach out to those in need. As a member of American Legion Post 39, it is important to “give back” to our community! A little attention, even if it's only a brief conversation, can mean a lot to those who may be alone.

On behalf of our staff and the Bar & Hall Board, we hope to see you soon.

Don't forget that Thursdays are “double up for a buck” nights – domestic beer and rail drinks! The seafood meat raffles are back on Thursdays.

Also, why not stop in on Sundays to watch a Viking game on our numerous TV's and enjoy “Happy Hour” all day!

Good luck to all of you who will be heading out into the woods for the upcoming deer rifle

Randy Bastyr
Bar and Hall Chairman

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The Month of September

Gross Receipts
$400,249.85

Prizes Paid
$322,769.05

Net Receipts
$ 67,480.80

Allowable Expenses
$ 50,543.10

Combined Receipts Tax
$ 16,148.86

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

Our Thanksgiving "50 Turkey and 50 Ham" Meat Raffle will be on Saturday, November 14, 2026. We will have a cash raffle for a chance of winning $300, $200, and $100. Tickets are $1.00 each. Doors open at 10:00, and the raffle starts at 11:00 a.m.

ICE Fishing Bingo and will be Sunday, January 24, 2027. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., and bingo starts at 12:00 p.m. $50.00 per pack, and over $4,000 in prizes, and a coverall worth $1,000

We have two bingo sessions each week. Tuesday's session starts at 6 p.m., and on Saturdays, we start at 4 p.m. We have 10 games, 3 each session, with the last one being a $1,000 coverall, with a $200 consolation prize if bingo is not reached in the predetermined number of balls. Game #6 is a progressive game starting off at $200 and goes up $25 each week until it's won. You must get 39 in 39 balls called or less to win. $125 is the consolation prize.

Friday Night Meat Raffles at 4:00 p.m., with tickets starting at $1.00. We will be raffling off roughly 14 packages each week. Virtual Racing starts at 4:00 p.m. during the meat raffle. Tickets are $1.00 each, with multiple payouts ranging from $50 to $500.00.

We have three cash raffles weekly here at Post 39.

The 4th District Auxiliary is doing a 50/50 raffle for $1.00 for a chance of winning up to $1,500. The drawing is on February 14, 2027, at Post 39. Ask the bartender for the tickets.

Wednesday is a $5.00 raffle ticket (200 tickets) "Hump Day" which pays out $700.00.
Friday is a $1.00 raffle ticket (800 tickets) "Lucky Buck" which pays out $500.00.
Sunday is a $5.00 raffle ticket (200 tickets) "Sunday-Funday" which pays out $700.00.
We have 3 $1 boxes, 4 $2 boxes, a $5 box, and 12 Etabs with Booty Bingo.

Gambling Manager
Dan Bronk

Upcoming 2026 Meeting Dates:

November 12th

December 10th





SATURDAY BANDS

November 14 City Lights
December 12 DB Cooper



Thanksgiving Eve Night Band
November 25 Backyard Band

PACKER's vs RAMS 8:00 p.m. EST